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Woodburn Community Blood Drive

Friday, March 12 1:00 pm til

7:00 pm at the Woodburn Campus

The blood supply in our country needs to be continually replenished. Only 38% of Americans are eligible to donate blood and of those only 8% do. That amounts to only about 3 out of every 100 people. Your donation makes a difference!

Everyone who comes to donate will have their name put in a drawing for one of two \$25.00 gas cards to be given away.



“Care for and Reaching Everyone”

During this month’s CARE night, we will be distributing the “Find It Here” gospel packets to the homes in our assigned area. We will need at least 76 people to help pass these out as well as folks to work on the 2500 postcards we will mail to the community. Come and help on this outreach night to our community on **Sunday, March 21st at 4:00 PM** in the fellowship hall.

A Women’s Bible study started

Monday, March 1 at 6:30 pm

in room 22 at the Woodburn Campus.

Study: Beth Moore’s study on Esther

Facilitator: Pamela Jarboe

Student book can be purchased at the Lifeway store in Bowling Green. *It’s not to late to join us.*

Contact Pamela for more information.

Easter Worship Week - Woodburn Campus

Sunday, March 28

Palm Sunday - Join us for morning worship at 8:30 or 11:00 am. We will have the children’s palm processional at both services.

Wednesday, March 31 - There will not be any services tonight at the Woodburn Campus.

Thursday, April 1 - Maundy Thursday dinner and service - Dinner begins at 6:00 pm followed by worship service at 7:00 pm. The worship service will feature special music and the Lord’s Supper.

Adult Choir Easter music - Our adult worship choir presents their Easter musical at 6:00 pm in the church sanctuary.

Saturday, April 3 - All children through age 10 are invited to come for the Easter Egg Hunt which begins at 10:30 am.

Sunday, April 4 - Easter Sunday - Sunrise Service at 6:30 am. We will meet at Rich Pond Baptist Church this year, Pastor Tim will preach. Rich Pond will provide breakfast.

Morning Worship Services will be at 8:30 and 11:00 am, Sunday School at 10:00 am. No evening services on Easter Sunday.



**Turn your clocks
forward one hour
Saturday night March 13.**

Woodburn Baptist Church is a family of Christians that loves and welcomes everyone, shares the gospel of Jesus Christ, and serves God through worship, teaching, and everyday acts of service.

Sisters and Brothers,

I did some driving and praying yesterday. We're going to be participating in a major evangelistic emphasis in coming weeks (*Find It Here!*), and I was simply exploring some of the roads, begging God for the souls of the people whose homes I was passing. The area surrounding our church is primarily rural, of course. Not a lot of houses. Not very many people. Yet in all our years as a church in this community, we haven't reached them.

The Great Commission burdens and overwhelms me. "Go," Jesus says, "into all the world and make disciples . . . baptizing them . . . and teaching them." The commission lays a tremendous task before us; for 143 years we've been working with one single assignment from Jesus—to reach the whole world. It can be disheartening, seeing that Jesus has charged us with baptizing the whole planet, and we haven't even given the town of Woodburn as much as a holy sponge bath yet. (And now we're going into Franklin?)

I feel so small and inadequate. My thoughts run something like this: To change the world would take a great church with a great pastor. We are not so great; therefore, we are not going to make a big difference. Then I remember that Jesus is the one who calls us. He knows our inadequacies full well. That's why he says, "*You will receive power . . . and you will be my witnesses . . . to the ends of the earth*" (Acts 1.8). The mission has never depended upon us and our power but upon Christ and his power.

So where would we even start to change the whole world? *We must begin with our own hearts and work outward.* Someone said, "Everyone thinks to change the world, but no one thinks of changing himself." Before God can use me, he first must change me. If the world needs to follow Christ, I must follow him. If the world needs strong families, I must strengthen my family. If the world needs kindness, generosity, honesty, and compassion—then God wants to form these qualities in my heart.

I drove the county roads yesterday, and I made a fresh commitment to change the world, or at least to start somewhere. To start at home. Jesus calls us to go, to travel, to leave, to take a journey. Yesterday's journey didn't take me far, but I did drive by the homes of people who may be near our church but far away from God. As long as this may be so, we have a mission. Certainly it is a mission to reach the world. Just as certainly, it is a mission that begins on our own streets.

See you Sunday, Tim

Sympathies and Prayers to

Donald Kirby and family on the death of his sister Annie Reid Rhea.

JC Maxwell and family on the death of his father, Jewell Maxwell.

Christian Worship: Our Preeminent Duty

Before you think I've lost my marbles let's take a look at this idea from three different vantages. John Stott articulated these points in 2007, and I have fleshed out his arguments in my own ways. First, we must remember that worship is our duty to God. We are created to worship him and do so with the remainder of creation. Psalm 105:3 reminds us that to worship is to "glory in God's holy name." God is holy and set aside from all else because he is God.

Secondly, all other duties of the church fall under certain talents and gifts that are given to us by the Holy Spirit and God's wisdom. Ephesians 4:11 gives an example of this truth of Scripture. All Christians are not given the gifts of prophecy, evangelism, or teaching. There are many other gifts, but these offer simple examples of the gifts the Holy Spirit disperses to His church. All Christians, however, are given the responsibility and obligation to worship God in public and private outpourings of our very selves.

Thirdly, worship is eternal. This is one of my favorite views on Christian worship. Revelation 5:9-14 shows us John's vision of worship around the throne of God in heaven. Everything else we do in this life is temporary; both our disciplines and our rituals. There are many functions of the church that have eternal implications but worship will never cease. When we worship, we are partaking of a completely eternal moment. Worship always has been and always will be the primary way we communicate with our Creator, Father God. When time began ticking, God's angels were worshiping him already. When time ceases we will still be worshiping him.

So, what does all this mean? I simply remind you of this truth to help align our hearts on Sundays and Wednesdays, when we are together. It's not about us. It's not about our preferences or wants, but it's about God. The goal is simple. Show / Give worth to God. We are his creatures and we are to worship him in purity of heart and cleanliness of hands. Brennan Manning penned this simple phrase: "God is God and we are not." Remember when we gather together that it is about Him. It's all about Him.

Worship Choir Practice – Wednesday nights from 7:15 – 8:15 pm. Childcare can be provided with a day's notice. Come out and help lead our congregation in worship to our Creator.

Youth Choir Practice – Sunday afternoons from 4:45 – 5:30 pm. We're gearing up for our Spring music and our summer tour. Come and join us and bring your friends!

Andrew Causey, Minister of Music

Remember Our Shut-Ins

Regis Hopkins	Bill Moore	Dennis Wheeley
Tressie Vice	Annie Beasley	Lena Van Meter

February - Homebound Visitation Schedule

1st week - Renee Morris
2nd week - Norma Palacios, Louise Stephens
3rd week - Wilma Guthrie
4th week - Margaret Ann Adams

Hopkins Nursing Home Ministry

Feb. 7	10 am - Blue Team	Speaker: Terry Chaffin
Feb. 21	10 am - Red Team	Speaker: Mark Swinney

Getting Ready for Easter”

One of the times when people are open to spiritual things is during Easter. It is usually one of the highest attended days of the year in most churches. It is one of our best opportunities to invite the unchurched and non-Christian to church. The *Find It Here*, evangelistic outreach goal is to distribute the gospel to every home in Kentucky by Easter 2010. At Woodburn, we will be distributing the gospel packets to the homes we have been assigned on Sunday, March 21 during CARE night. We will meet at church in the fellowship hall at 4:00 and have a brief orientation, make assignments and then go out to deliver the packets. We will need at least 76 people divided into 38 teams to make the deliveries to our assigned area. We also need folks to come and put address labels on 2500 cards that we are mailing out to the community. Our regular CARE night activities also include, writing cards, phone calls and visits to recent guests. There is much to do during CARE night and I hope you plan to attend on Sunday, March 21.

Sunday School helps us get to know folks better, teaches us about the Bible and its application to our lives and gives us the opportunity to minister to others. March 28 is “Friend Day” in Sunday School. We want everyone to be involved in Sunday School on this day. If you do not currently attend Sunday School, this is a great time to start. Invite your friends to come with you to Sunday School on “Friend Day” Sunday, March 28.



Preschool and Nursery Workers' Meeting Take Two

Our yearly Preschool and Nursery Workers' Meeting that WAS scheduled for February 20 is NOW scheduled for **SATURDAY, MARCH 20**. We will begin at 9:00 a.m. with breakfast and a short meeting followed by a time set aside to organize and spring clean our preschool and nursery rooms. If you teach preschoolers on Sunday or Wednesday or work in the nursery, you don't want to miss this! Please remember to sign up on the bulletin board so we can get an accurate count for breakfast.

Easter Egg Hunt

This year's Easter Egg Hunt is April 3rd at 10:00 AM. All children birth through 10 years old are invited to come and hunt eggs. Please invite your friends also. **We will be accepting candy donations in the bin in the vestibule.** If you would like to volunteer to help, we need people to help with the set-up and clean up. Contact Allison Mefford or Warren Weeks.

YOUTH - Woodburn Campus

The youth had a great time on the ski trip. I want to thank all the adults who helped out and made sure it was a success. If you didn't hear, I stayed at home with Shannon who wound up going into the hospital on Friday night with kidney stones. Without excellent leaders to take care of things, I might have had to cancel the trip.

Some upcoming things that you need to be aware of in the youth ministry are: D-Now is March 5-7, the theme is “Deeper Love Deeper Life,” talking about sex. Live Love Youth Revival at WKU is March 19 and 20. We will meet at the church at 7:00 pm on March 19 and return at 10:00 pm. Saturday we will meet at the church at 6:30 pm and get back at 9:30 pm. The cost is \$5 (due on March 7) and this includes a t-shirt. Spring Break Service Project on April 8. We are going back to the Nashville Rescue Mission.

24God Youth Conference on April 16 -17. This is a 24 hour youth retreat in Campbellsville, KY. The youth will be spending the night in a local church (will need a sleeping bag, pillow, etc.). The cost is \$20 (due March 21) the cost covers supper on Friday, lunch on Saturday, and a t-shirt. Please turn in all money to Frank Wright so that it can be properly credited to your youth's account. If you are writing a check make it out to Woodburn Baptist Church. If you have any questions or need some help with funding for these events please do not hesitate to contact me, Frank Wright, at 529-5221.

The Parent Meetings have been going great so far. If you have not gotten a letter from me, do not panic. I am sending them out about a week in advance of when I am planning on meeting with you. I would continue to ask the church to pray for these “Parent Partnership” meetings that the Lord will bless in great ways.

In Kids-4-Christ news, we have finished up SwordMasters and have started practice for the musical. With the kids being out of school so much it has caused us to have to change our plans. We are currently finalizing details for this trip and will get them to you as soon as possible. We will have our first Vacation Bible School leaders meeting on March 28 at 5:00 pm in the fellowship hall. If you are interested in helping with VBS, please be at this meeting or contact me! We are also looking at the interest level of our 4th-6th graders who would like to go to a church camp this summer on July 12-16th. If you have a 4th-6th grader that would be interested in going, please contact Frank Wright for more information.

Frank Wright, Youth and families Minister

From the Franklin Campus...

The Kids 4 Christ Franklin Campus...

We have been growing by leaps since the first of the year. We began in mid-November at the Franklin Campus by teaching the kids a few Christmas carols for our Christmas eve program. Since that time, we have seen this ministry grow from 7 children on our first night to as many as 30! I'd like to thank Nichole and Matt Buckman, Orean and Willie Ray, and Lisa Williams for the time they have committed to working with our children.

During January and February, we used the Worship Kidstyle program while we were training and gearing up for the AWANA ministry. Thanks to Debbie and David Brown, we've been able to give each child a copy of the CD on the Books of the Bible. We've been amazed at how quickly the children are learning to memorize the Old and New Testament Books. For some of our children, this has been their first exposure to Jesus, and it's been absolutely humbling and awesome! Seeing the kids rushing up front to sing praise songs and raising their hands to show us they know their Books of the Bible is truly a blessing. Even as Debbie and David were walking through her recuperation from back surgery, they were blessing our children! Thank you!

Our first night for the AWANA ministry began on February 24. AWANA is "a fun and flexible Scripture-based program" that "helps churches and parents work together to develop spiritually strong children and youth who faithfully follow Jesus Christ." We were able, through the generosity of our church, to give each child a Bible. Thank you, church! We realized this was a huge need for these children through various conversations with them. Hopefully, these Bibles will not only bless the child who receives it, but also everyone in the household.

This is our prayer, and we'd like to ask you to pray this as well. In the months to follow, we'll be eager to provide an update on how this ministry will help these children and their families come to know Christ.

In Christ's love, Ellen Bunch

New Members from the Franklin Campus....

Tara Crittenden joined February 7 by transfer. Tara, her husband Brian and children Matthew and Ethan live in Franklin.

Charles Reece and Missy Wright joined February 14 by statement. Their daughter **MacKenzie Reece** also joined and will be baptized.

Lee Ann Graves & son Isaac joined February 28 by transfer of letter. Lee Ann has a daughter Abigail. The Graves family lives in Franklin.

<u>Our Numbers</u>	<u>from the Franklin Campus</u>	
	Sunday School	Worship
February 7	60	132
February 14	64	116
February 21	80	116
February 28	70	119

Friend Day in Sunday School - March 28

Every Sunday is Friend Day in Sunday School, but we are making a special effort on March 28th to invite our friends to come to Sunday School. Each class is setting a goal and encouraging everyone to invite others to come to their class. It is a great time to encourage your friends, relatives, associates and neighbors to come to Sunday School and worship with you. It is our goal to have them come on March 28th and also be back for Easter on April 4th. If you are not currently involved in Sunday School, it is a great time to start!

Welcome New Members from the Woodburn Campus...

Joe and Julie Cox joined February 2, by transfer. They have a daughter Natalie.

Luke Adams joined February 21, and will be baptized, March 14 at the 8:30 am service. Luke is the son of Larissa and Brian Adams.

Holly Conley joined February 21 by transfer. Holly lives in Bowling Green.

Rick and Jane Clark joined February 28, by transfer. The Clark family live in Bowling Green.

Woodburn Campus food drive March - Food Drive for H.O.T.E.L. I.N.C. Helping Others Through Extended Love, In the Name of Christ

HOTEL INC provides financial assistance and food assistance to those in need in our community. Let's help HOTEL restock their food shelves. **We will collect food during the month of March.** Below is a list of suggested food needed to put family meals together.

Orange Juice	Raisins	Sweet Potatoes (can)
Apple Juice	Oats	Cream of Chicken soup
Tomato Juice	Crackers	Chicken Noodle soup
Peanut Butter	Corn	Vegetable soup
Jell-O	Peas	Ravioli or the like
Pudding Mix	Mixed Veggies	Tomato Soup
Salmon	Tomatoes (can)	Chicken Dumplings
Pears	Mac & Cheese	Roast Beef & Gravy
Peaches	Green Beans	Bean w/ Bacon soup
Fruit Cocktail	Potatoes (Instant)	Chili
Apple Sauce	Spam	

Worship Schedule

Sunday, March 7

8:30 A.M. Youth *D-Now* Service @ 8:30 (WC)

11:00 A.M. *The Parable of the 3 Servants*
(Matthew 25.14-30),
with Cole infant dedication

P.M. *Come to the Lord's Table: Group Session 3*

Sunday, March 14

A.M. Communion, *The Lord's Desire* (Luke 22.7-30)

P.M. *The Parable of the Vineyard Workers*
(Matthew 20.1-16)

Sunday, March 21

A.M. *The Sheep and the Goats* (Matthew 25.31-46)

P.M. CARE NIGHT

Sunday, March 28 [PALM SUNDAY]

A.M. *The Parable of the Evil Farmers*
(Matthew 21.33-46)

P.M. *Donkey One* (Luke 19.28-40)

Worship Attendance

	Sun.	School	Worship	
Feb. 7	332	8:30 - 253	11:00 - 265	Overflow - 19
Feb. 14	343	8:30 - 214	11:00 - 233	Overflow - 10
Feb. 21	381	8:30 - 281	11:00 - 250	Overflow - 22
Feb. 28	356	8:30 - 258	11:00 - 184	Overflow - 26

